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MR. SPEAKER :—" We will take up the questions to be answered by the Hon. Minister for Religious Endowments and the Hon. Minister for Local Administration on the 30th instant."

State Insurance Scheme.

* 1666 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government propose to extend the State Insurance Scheme to Malabar and if so, when? when?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is too early now to say when the scheme will be extended to Malabar. Attention is invited to my reply on the subject given on 21st December 1954 in answering a supplementary question put by the hon. Member."

Literacy Centres for Women in slum areas.

* 1668 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISAWMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of Literacy Centres for Women run by the Women's Welfare Organization in the slums in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Two, Sir."

SRI S. PAKKIRISAWMI PILLAI :—" What are the subjects taught in these centres and what is the amount spent for that purpose? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" In these centres, adult literacy classes are conducted for the members who are interested in learning how to read and write. The organizers are making all efforts to improve the attendance by encouraging the women to attend the classes. At present 15 members are attending the literacy classes in each of the three centres."

Rent Courts for North Malabar.

* 1669 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any requests from the Collector of Malabar or from the Kisan Council, Malabar, requesting for more Rent Courts in North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on such representation?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A representation was received from the Chirakkal Taluk Kisan Sangam for opening new Rent Courts at Taliparamba and Irukkur. The Collector of Malabar has reported that he is